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WAR MATERIEL UNLOADED AT DURRES -- Rome, Bolletino Danubiano, 20 Jul 51

Groups of Soviet officers in civilian clothes have been arriving at the port of Durres on Soviet and Soviet-Rumanian ships. These officers are not seen returning to their native land. In June two ships carrying war materiel camouflaged as agricultural machinery also arrived in Durres port. The cases of arms and munitions were dispatched to an undisclosed destination in the interior of Albania. At Peshkopi, in the Albanian-Yugoslav border area, about 100 officers and noncommissioned officers are taking a military training course from Soviet officers.

ARMS TAKEN FROM ALBANIAN CIVILIANS -- Rome, Bolletino Danubiano, 31 Mar 51

Refugees arriving in Italy from Albania report that the Albanian police have been searching the homes of villagers and city dwellers alike for arms and ammunition. Despite their threats and intimidation, their search has netted them little, since the population has been hiding arms and ammunition, much of which was left by the Italian armed forces.

In the northeast area, around Kukes, the peasants resisted with force the police squads' attempts to take away the hunting guns used by them to protect their flocks from the wolves. All arms and ammunition in the possession of civilians were to be turned over to the authorities by 15 April.

The Albanian population generally regards this measure as a result of the increased number of attempts on the lives of Soviet citizens in Albania and of the mass opposition to collectivization by the peasants, especially the shepherds.

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